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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 1st OCTOBER 1870.

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PRIOR \$2 PER VOL.

Arrivals.

Oct. 17, RIVER, Brit. br., 324, Elliot, Ningpo 14th September, Cotton and General—BOUCLEAU, HUBNER & Co.

Departures.

Oct. 16, SIN NANGH, S.S. for Shanghai.
Oct. 16, FLOWERS, NICHOLAS, for S'gou.
Oct. 16, MEXICAN, for Whampoa.
Oct. 16, WIND, for Shanghai.
Oct. 16, WIND, for Ulo.
Oct. 16, ADVANCE, for Bangkok.
Oct. 16, JUNO, for Macao.
Oct. 16, L.C., for Bangkok.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTERS OFFICE,
17TH OCTOBER.

Taffeta, for Havre.
Satin, for Saigon.
Eugene Leone, for Whampoa.
La Serena, for Singapore.
Falcon, for Bangkok.
Jane Woodburn, for Saigon.

Passengers.

The following passengers passed by the P. & O. Co. steamer "London" yesterday afternoon—First Class.—
For Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. Richards and Mr. Hill.
For Bombay—Mr. Subadar and Mr. Subadar and 2 servants.
For Suez—Miss Bill, Revell and Philippa.
For Madras—Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and children, 1 European and 1 native servant.
Misses Tupp, Gobel, Gilmore and Robertson.
For Southampton—Misses Weston, Deacon, Bryant, Bowley and Lane.
SECOND CLASS.—
For Melbourne—Mr. Calaghan, Mr. and Mrs. Wright.
For Southampton—Mr. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Reimer and 8 children.

Reports.

Note.

Auction Sales To-day.

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JUST LANDED AND FOR SALE,
Ex Steamer "Dufour," and other arrivals.
HAMBURG PRIME MESS FORK.

Stockholm TAE.

Frost, Bolt ROPE, Binding and Running ROPE.

Brown BRAITHING FELT.

Munt's YELLOW METAL and COM-
POSITION NAILS.

India Rubber PACKING.

Italian Hemp PACKING.

Hubbuck's Boiled and Raw LINSEED OIL.

Hubbuck's PAINTS of all descriptions.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.
of 1743 Hongkong, 25th September, 1870.

MAGENW & Co.

House for Sale, or late arrivals—

CHINA BREAKFAST SERVICES.

Dinner SETS.

Coal SCOPS, for Dining and Drawing Rooms.

Exhibition Steak DISHES.

Crystal BISCUIT BOXES.

Wedgwood SAUCEPANS.

Block Tin Dish COVERS, by E.P. Handley.

Block Tin Tea and Coffe POTS.

Sponge BATHS.

Kerosine Table LAMPS and CHANDE-
LIERS.

Electro Plated Cruc STANDS, Liquor STANDS, Pickle STANDS.

Electro Plated Sugar BASKETS, CAN-
DELESTICKS, Butter DISHES.

Electro Plated Dish COVERS, Ice PAILS.

Tea and Coffee POTS.

Electro Plated Dinner and Desert FORKS
and SPOONS.

Electro Plated Ice PITCHERS, elegant new American patterns.

GLASSWARE.

Table LINEN.

BABY'S ALE, in Hogheads, Barrels, and Kilderkins.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, in bottle.

Coppy PRESSES, Foilescap size.

Coloured GLASS.

Manila CORDAGE.

Via Suez Canals—

India Rubber BELTING for MACHINERY

from 2 in. to 11 in.

Leather, &c., do., from 14 in. to 4 ft.

13, Queen's Road Central,

1st Hongkong, 25th May, 1870.

FOR SALE.

MUNIZ'S YELLOW METAL and Composition

NAILS.

Copper SHEETS.

do., RODS.

Yellow Metal RODS.

At L. FRICKEL & Co.

H. 1516 Hongkong, 17th August, 1870.

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE and

J. DAVID CORBET & SONS'

Mercantile NAVY.

Navy Boiled

Long Flax

Cotton

BRIMOLD, KARBERG & Co.

of 1130, Hongkong, 11th August, 1870.

FOR SALE.

THE THOROUGH, Broad Australian sailing

"JAVELIN," by "Cossack, out of Jeny Lind."

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

of 1537 Hongkong, 28th September, 1870.

FOR SALE.

THE WHOLE STOCK and TOOLS of

the Waddington Street wing of the above Hotel, for the better accommodation of Boarders with Bed Rooms, Bath Rooms, and Dining Room.

Title, at 12, Diner.

BILLIARD ROOMS, BOWLING ALLEYS, &c.

of 1537 Queen's Road Central, 1st

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The Chronicle and Directory for 1870.
NOW READY.

THE Edition for 1870 is now ready for delivery.

As already announced, the Directory is published in Two Parts. Complete at \$5, or with the Lists of Residents and Post Directories only, it is \$1.

Copies may be obtained at the Daily Press Office, and of the following Agents—
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WILSON, NICHOLS & CO., Amoy,
Hendr. & Co., Foochow,
Lane, Crawford & Co., Shanghai,
KELLY & CO., 20,
WACHTEL'S GROS & CO., Canton,
Mr. L. P. Fisher, Merchant's Exchange,
San Francisco.

The address of the Daily Press from this office commences on Monday morning at 12 o'clock, and the last message left the office at 12.

The Daily Press

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 18TH, 1870.

It is always extremely difficult to form any estimate of the value of numbers in China, and this very difficulty is apt to increase the seriousness of their bearing. So soon as reports of disturbance get about, we are at a loss to know what to believe, and what to expect. Our experience tells us that it is not safe to ignore such reports altogether; nay, we have had too much proof lately that they may have the most serious import. But, on the other hand, as was pointedly observed by Baron RICHTERS in his account of his journey through the Northern provinces, there is, with the Chinese, usually a long interval between threats and action, and in a general way, it is undoubtedly an error to be too hasty in attaching importance to the numberless idle rumours which under circumstances such as those now existing, are certain to obtain circulation. It is not to be wondered at that the community of Canton, hearing a number of reports, should have felt some anxiety as to their security, and should, in consequence, have addressed the communication to Mr. Consul ROBINSON, to which publicity were recently given, but it cannot easily be denied that his advice to them was sound and that the action which he has taken, so far as matters have gone, appears to be well advised. He recommends the residents of Canton to abstain as much as possible, at least in appearance, from giving credence to the reports, as the display of any anxiety is of course likely to increase the difficulty, if any, in reality exists. This seems to have been in some way mistaken as meaning that due precautions should not be adopted, a conclusion which is by no means involved in it, and one which it is evidently not intended to convey. All that is implied is that there should not be any demonstration made of a fussy anxiety, which can only lead to excitement, and cannot in any way tend to increase the security of the foreign residents.

To this extent, no doubt, the policy indicated by Consul ROBINSON is correct, but it may of course be carried to too great a length. At present, therefore, does not appear to be cause for much alarm; but should the rumours increase to any great degree, it might be desirable that the presence of our two gunboats should, if possible, be secured.

In adopting this course, there would be no necessity to depart from the principle which Mr. ROBINSON indicates of not showing any signs of anxiety which might tend to increase difficulties. The Chinese authorities might very properly be informed that the arrival of the gunboats was a sign neither of hostility nor of over anxiety on our part, any more than the rumours going about were necessarily a sign of hostility on the part of the Chinese. If the Chinese authorities felt confident that no disturbance would arise, the presence of the gunboats would not have any effect, as of course they would be called into requisition only in the case of necessity. In some such way as this, the Chinese might be easily made to see that, though we were not nervously anxious, we were at the same time prepared; and the presence of the gunboats would no doubt prove sufficient to avert the possibility of any trouble arising. From the account given by a correspondent, it seems that there is no wide-spread hatred against foreigners; but, at the same time, he notices that the people recently arrived from the country have a suspicious manner, which may perhaps be indicative of ill-will. Taking all that has come to light on the matter together, there appears to be good reason for caution, though it is undoubtedly desirable that the measures resorted to should be adopted in the quietest and least obtrusive manner.

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